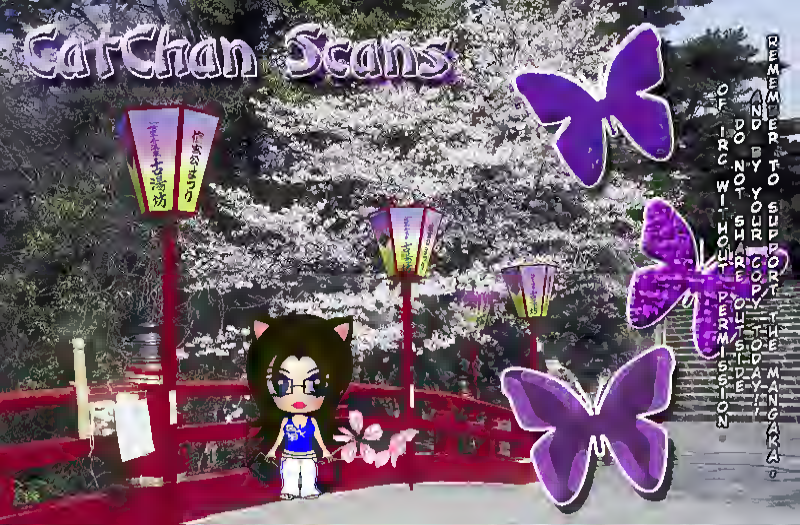
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WELL...YOU'D HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT YOUR HAIR FIRST, OKAY?
HEY...YASU! WHASSUP?
LIQUOR
CLANK
2-908
UP YOURS
WHO THE HELL DO THEY THINK THEY'RE TALKING TO?! I'D NEVER WORK IN A STORE LIKE THAT ANYWAY!
Assholes!

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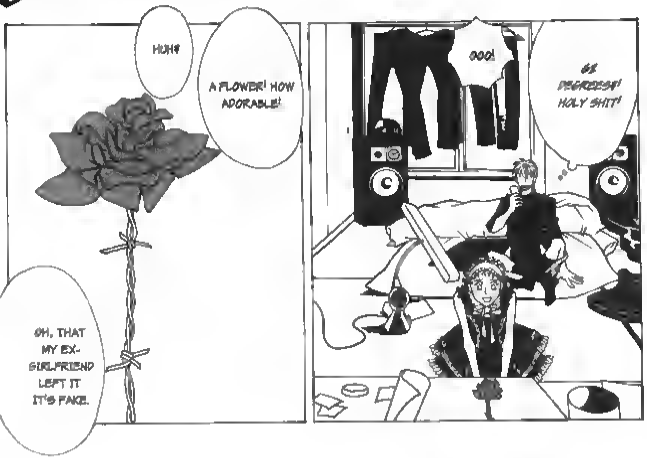
HEY. WAKE UP, BEFORE YOU GET HAULED OFF IN A DUMPSTER.
SLAP SLAP
WHAT?
...SO HOT...
ICE.

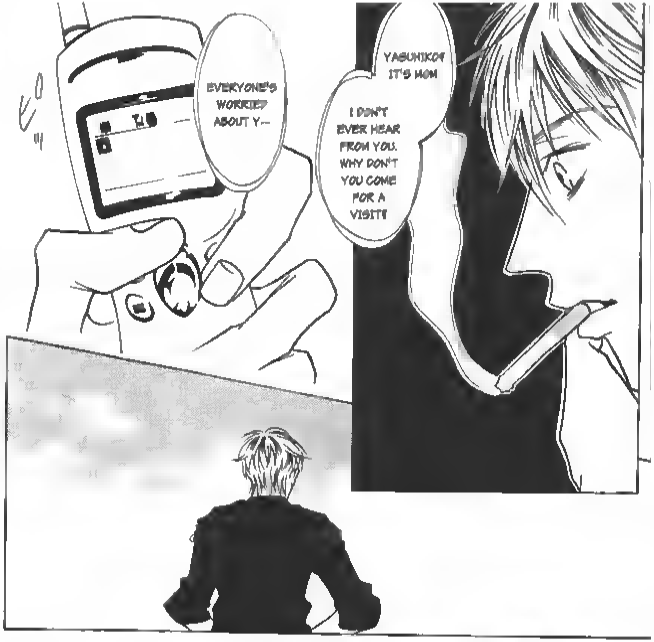
THE USUAL.
PAST DUE
PAST DUE
FINAL NOTICE
HMM?
WHAT THE--?

YOU SEE, I'M A SNOW GIRL.
IF YOU HADN'T SAVED ME I WOULD HAVE MELTED
WHAT?!
AND MY MOTHER MELTED THE OTHER DAY
HANG ON...
--BUT THE OWNER'S COMPANY WENT BANKRUPT..
I WAS LIVING IN AN INDUSTRIAL COLD STORAGE UNIT WITH MY MOM!-
WHA--?
PHHEWWW...
YEAH, I KNOW HOW THAT GOES! THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU DON'T PAY RENT FOR LONG ENOUGH!
I HAD A PLACE, BUT I JUST GOT KICKED OUT
THANK YOU VERY MUCH I DON'T DO WELL WITH THE HEAT
IS SHE A GIFT FROM GOD?
THIS IS THE GREATEST!

バサ
YASUE IT'S ME. HEY, WHY AREN'T YOU ANSWERING MY CALLS?
DO YOU THINK I'M JUST SOME BIMBO YOU CAN HUMP AND DUMP?! JERK! CALL ME BACK!
BEEP
...HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED AND IS THIRTY DAYS PAST DUE. YOU WILL RECEIVE A LIVE FOLLOW-UP PHONE CALL...
BEEP
SIGH
YOU HAVE... FOUR. NEW MESSAGES
FIRST NEW MESSAGE...
WHAT'S WITH THIS GIRL? SHE'S BATSHIT CRAZY
IN THE MOUNTAINS OUR HOME WAS COVERED WITH PERMAFROST...
...THEN A CERTAIN GENTLEMAN FELL IN LOVE WITH MOM IF I HADN'T COME DOWN WITH HER, I'D STILL BE LIVING UP THERE.
I'M SO HAPPY THAT I MET A NICE GUY LIKE YOU
I PICKED UP A FREAK

I MADE SOY SAUCE AND MAYO SNOW CONES AND MISO PASTE SNOW CONES...
YEAH, NO THANKS
DAMN, IT'S FREEZING!
WELCOME HOME! WOULD YOU LIKE SOME DINNER?


HUH?
A FLOWER! HOW ADORABLE!
OH, THAT MY EX-GIRLFRIEND LEFT IT IT'S FAKE.
OOO!
6% DEGREES?! HOLY SHIT!

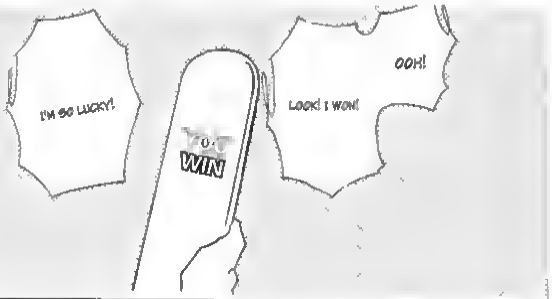

EVERYONE'S WORRIED ABOUT Y--
YASUHIKO? IT'S MOM
I DON'T EVER HEAR FROM YOU. WHY DON'T YOU COME FOR A VISIT?

HOME AGAIN, HOME AGAIN.

MADE TO CREATE. THAT'S DEEP...
WHEN I LEFT HOME IT WAS 'CAUSE. I WANTED TO CREATE.. SOMETHING.

WHY DON'T YOU JUST DO IT?
FLOWERS DIE WHEN A SNOW WOMAN TOUCHES THEM.
I'VE ALWAYS WISHED I COULD GROW FLOWERS EVEN JUST ONE.
I CAN ONLY TOUCH IMITATIONS
I ENVY YOU..
- BECAUSE A HUMAN'S HANDS ARE MADE TO CREATE AND GROW THINGS..

?!
HEY! I GOT A JOB!
Part-time at a video shop!
THE OWNER IS TOTALLY COOL!
WE TALKED ABOUT MUSIC AND...


I'M SO LUCKY!
WIN
LOOK! I WON!
OOH!

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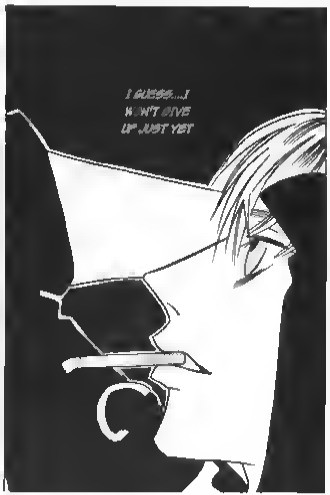
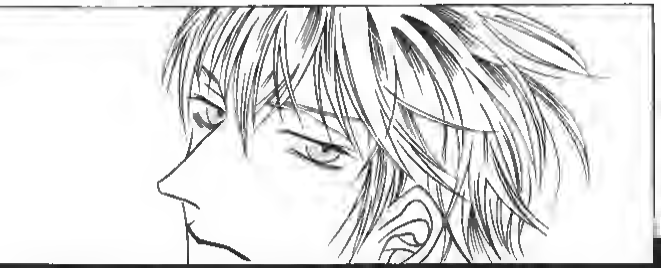
12"
13"


I GUESS...I WON'T GIVE UP JUST YET

.....
MOM USED TO WARN ME OFTEN ... THAT NOT ALL HUMANS ARE KIND LIKE HER BOYFRIEND
YOU TRULY ARE EXTREMELY SENSITIVE TO HEAT AREN'T YOU?
MAYBE YOU REALLY ARE A SNOW GIRL
DAMN!! DAMN MONEY-GRUBBING POWER COMPANY BASTARDS!
THIS IS IT... I'M NOT GONNA MAKE IT...
OH COME ON I'LL FILL THE TUB WITH WATER FOR YOU. JUST WAIT A SEC.
THE ELECTRICITY .. WENT OUT...
HEY!
BUT YOU'RE HUMAN .AND YOU'RE SO VERY KIND
WHEN I MELT I'M GONNA TELL MOM ALL ABOUT YOU.
YEAH, WHAT CAN I SAY

IT HAPPENED ALL AT ONCE...

...AND SHE WAS GONE.



I'VE ALWAYS WISHED I COULD GROW FLOWERS. EVEN JUST ONE.

BY THIS TIME NEXT YEAR, SHE'LL GET HER WISH.

END

THE WORLD'S END IS
STARING YOU IN THE EYE.
GASP!

WHY IS IT SO
QUIET!
HEH...
SUNNY
RIENDLY
BRING

GOOD! I WANT FRENCH TOAST! LIKE [illegible] USED TO MAKE!
WITH CINNAMON ON IT AND BUTTER AND... YUMMY!
Y'KNOW... WHEN YOU SCREECH LIKE THAT, YOU'RE EVEN MORE REPULSIVE.
IT'S NOT NICE!
HEY, ARE YOU GIVING ME CANNED FOOD AGAIN?
NOPE. I JUST ATE THE LAST OF IT. I'LL HAVE TO GO UP TOP TO FIND SOME MORE.
HEY, ARE YOU LISTENING? TOKAGE!
NANNY WAS CUTE. SHE WAS A GOOD COOK, AND—

GOOD MORNING, TABASA.
THIS IS LIKE, THE 24TH TIME. HEY, THAT'S HOW OLD I AM!
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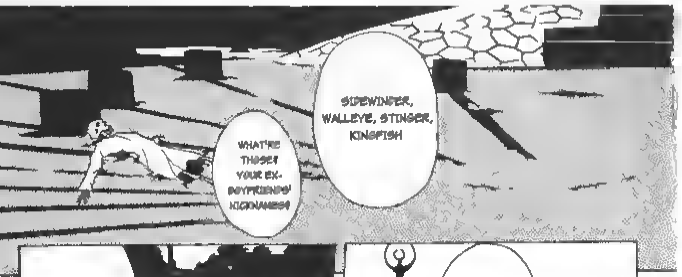
RIGHT THAT'S NICE.
I HAD THE DREAM ABOUT THAT DAY AGAIN.

I'VE ALWAYS WANTED A LYNX FUR!
TA-DAA! How hot do I look?
ANOTHER DEAD PET SKELETON ON ITS LEASH "COLLATERAL DAMAGE."
HEY, TOKAGE, CHECK ME OUT!
WHO ARE YOU TRYING TO IMPRESS?
UHN.
BESIDES, IT'S NOT SUMMER FASHION.
YOU'RE SO MEAN!

IT WAS A STRATEGIC BIO-WEAPON ENGINEERED TO WIPE OUT HUMANS, BUT NOT AFFECT PLANTS AND ANIMALS.
THIS ONE LOOKS PRETTY GOOD
UP YOURS!
IT WAS THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS GLOBAL KILLER THAT ALLOWED THE INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT TREATY TO PASS AT THE END OF THE LAST CENTURY
WHICH GENIUS POLITICIAN WAS IT WHO SPUN IT AS "AN ECOLOGICAL DETERRENT"?

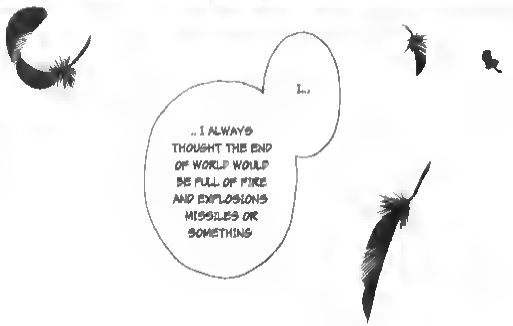

SIDEWINDER, WALLEYE, STINGER, KINGFISH
WHAT'RE THOSE? YOUR EX-BOYFRIENDS' NICKNAMES?

NICE, COMING FROM A HYSTERICAL DYKE.

THOSE ARE NAMES OF MISSILES
EEE-YEW! YOU'RE NOT JUST A HOMO YOU'RE A GEEKY HOMO! GLEH!

ARE YOU LISTENING?!
OF ALL PEOPLE, WHY DID YOU HAVE TO SURVIVE WITH ME?!
THAT'S MY QUESTION.

THEY DON'T HAVE GARBAGE TO SCAVENGE ANYMORE NO MYSTERY
HEY, CROWS...
BUT NOT VERY MANY
They used to be everywhere.


I...
...I ALWAYS THOUGHT THE END OF WORLD WOULD BE FULL OF FIRE AND EXPLOSIONS MISSILES OR SOMETHING

SHE SET THE TIME LOCK FOR A WEEK TRAPPING ME IN WITH HER. WHEN I WAS FINALLY FREE AND WENT
WHAT'S YOUR POINT?
WELL, JUST WATCH.
SEE? HE BUILT A HIDDEN BOMB SHELTER!
NO KIPPING.
That's a little paranoid...

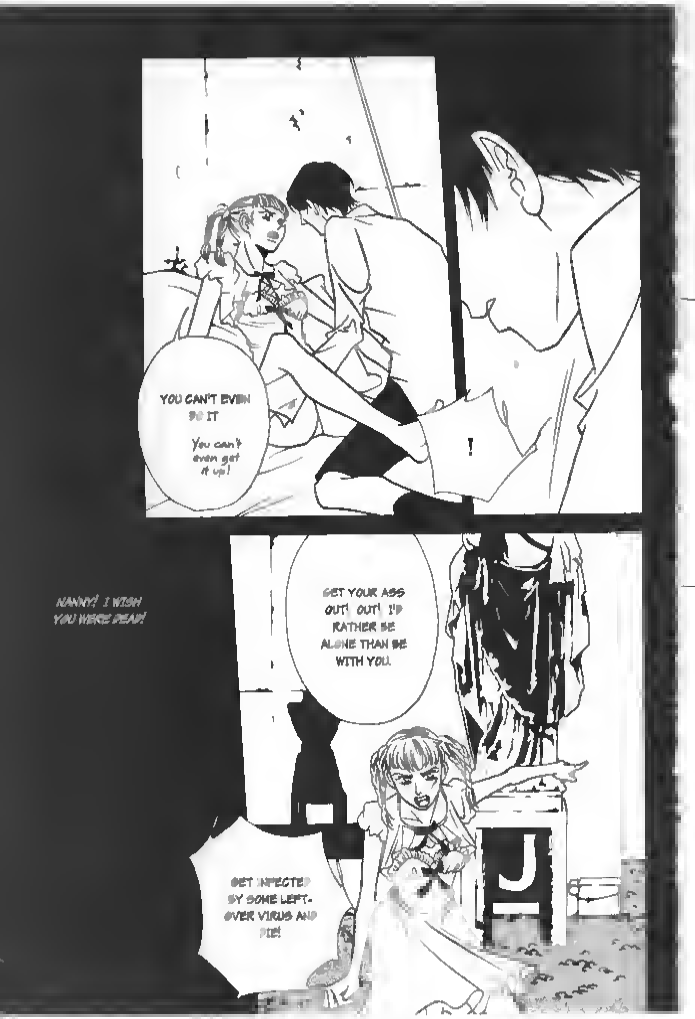
MAYBE SHE DOESN'T CARE ABOUT YOU.
Waaaa!
STUPID NANNY! I'LL MAKE HER PAY FOR THIS!
SHE'S HORRIBLE! SHE PROMISED ME SHE'D CELEBRATE MY BIRTHDAY WITH ME!
I'M GONNA GO MISSING! COME WITH ME!
ME? WHY?
THIS IS DADDY'S WINE CELLAR

I WANNA TALK TO GIRLS!
GIRLS, GIRLS! GIRLFRIENDS!
IT'S BEEN MORE THAN A YEAR. WE HAVEN'T SEEN ANY MILITARY OFFICERS MARCHING AROUND
THAT MEANS THE OTHER COUNTRIES ARE ALSO...
DAMN IT! WE'RE THE WORST ADAM AND EVE POSSIBLE!
CAN THEY REALLY ALL BE DEAD?
THERE HAVE TO BE SOME PEOPLE LIKE US, WHO ACCIDENTALLY SURVIVED...
I DON'T THINK SO. IT'S LIKE A JOKE HOW WE SURVIVE!

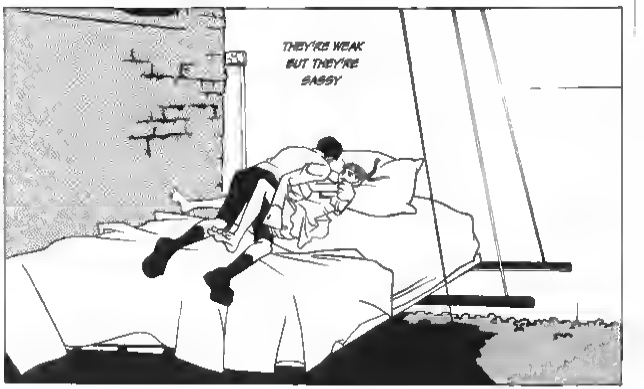
...CIVILIZATION HAS COMPLETELY ENDED.

UGH. SHE'S FLABBY AND LOOSE EVERYWHERE. DISGUSTING.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
!

HOMO ADAM AND HOMO EVE. THAT'S THE ULTIMATE, ISN'T IT?


YOU CAN'T EVEN DO IT
You can't even get it up!
GET YOUR ASS OUT! OUT! I'D RATHER BE ALONE THAN BE WITH YOU.
GET INFECTED BY SOME LEFT-OVER VIRUS AND DIE!
NANNY! I WISH YOU WERE DEAD!

GET OFF ME!
I SWEAR TO GOD, I'LL SCREAM!
THIS IS WHAT I HATE ABOUT WOMEN.
AND WHAT WOULD BE THE POINT OF THAT, EXACTLY?


THEY'RE WEAK BUT THEY'RE SASSY

NANNY, DID YOU DIE BECAUSE I WISHED IT...?
...
SA...
...TAKASA.
RISE AND SHINE.

MORNING IS FRENCH TOAST OKAY?
NANNY!
W-WHAT ABOUT THE VIRUS? WHERE'S TOKAGE?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
DID YOU HAVE A SCARY DREAM AGAIN?
..DREAM

THAT WAS..
THE WORST DREAM I'VE EVER HAD...
CLUNK
...?
PLOP

WAS IT A NIGHTMARE?
IT WAS SO SCARY...YOU'D DIED...
TABABA.
THE WORLD'S END...
EVEN IF I'M NOT AROUND...
...YOU MUST LIVE, OKAY?
BECAUSE YOU SURVIVED.
NANNY?
...IS STARING YOU IN THE EYE.

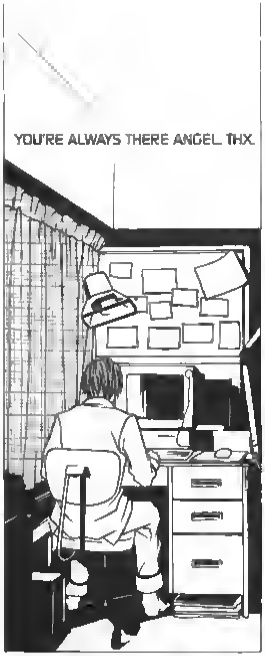
AMAZING. HOW SELFISH YOU ARE..
OH.. WHAT A RELIEF!
I'M NOT DEAD
I WAS PACKING AND A BOX FELL OFF THE SHELF
SO YOU'RE NOT KICKING ME OUT?
REALLY?

TOKASE!

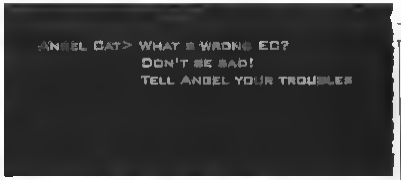
YOU STUPID IDIOT JERK! HOW COULD YOU DO THIS TO ME!
IF YOU'RE GONE.. THEN I'M REALLY, REALLY ALONE!!!
...WHAT HAPPENED? .?
HEY YOU'RE NOT REALLY... DEAD, ARE YOU?

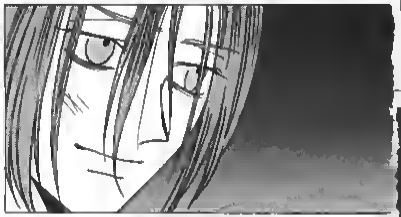
Electric
Angel
DON'T BE STUPID
WHO ELSE IS THERE
TO FEED ME?
BUT I DON'T
WANT ANY MORE
CANNED FOOD!
THEN YOU DON'T
HAVE TO EAT
END

"THE ANGEL CAT AND THE ELECTRIC CAT"
MY MOTHER USED TO READ IT TO ME BEFORE SHE PASSED AWAY. IT WAS MY FAVORITE CHILDREN'S BOOK. MY TREASURE.

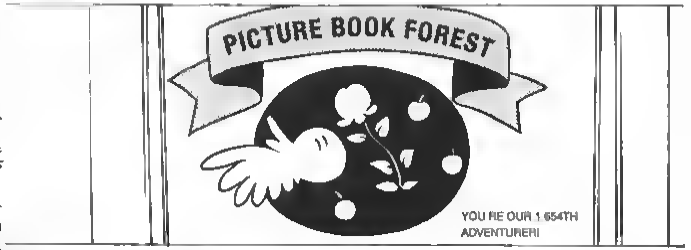

YOU'RE ALWAYS THERE ANGEL THX.

I REALLY NEEDED TO TALK TO YOU
TAKA TAKA
TAKA


ANGEL CAT> WHAT'S WRONG EC?
DON'T BE SAD!
TELL ANGEL YOUR TROUBLES

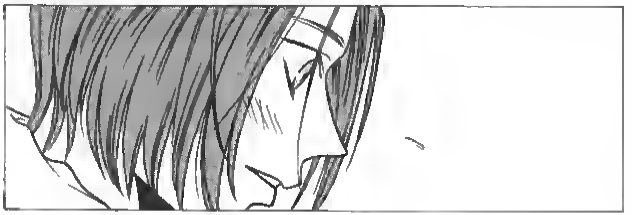


AT THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SCREEN SOMEWHERE IS A WOMAN I DON'T EVEN KNOW... AND SHE'S ALL I'VE GOT.


PICTURE BOOK FOREST
YOU'RE OUR 1,654TH ADVENTURER!

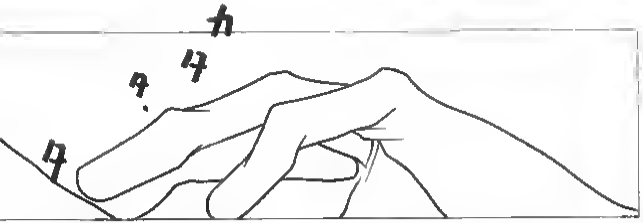
THE FOREST CHAT ROOM
2 ADVENTURERS
ELECTRIC CAT> EVENING ANGEL CAT— ARE YOU THERE?
TAKA TAKA TAKA
ELECTRIC CAT> ANGEL CAT, ARE YOU THERE?
ANGEL CAT> HI . .) YOU'RE EARLY TODAY

I WONDER IF SHE'S IN...



HEY TENSHI, COULD YOU COVER ME AGAIN IN CLASS?
I HAVE A BIG FAMILY FUNERAL TO GO TO, YOU KNOW!
HA HA! YEAH. RIGHT!
HEY, GO MIKO, TOO
THANKS, PAL!
TENSHI WHY DON'T YOU JUST SAY "NO" TO THESE JERKS!
DO YOUR OWN HOMEWORK, RETARD!
MIKO YOU READ SIGN LANGUAGE?

YOU SHOULD MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS.
WHAT ARE YOU, 6! I-I WAS TRYING TO BE...
OOH! MIKO... YOU JUST GOT REJECTED!
ARE YOU TOO DUMB TO SEE?



ELECTRIC CAT> I'D LIKE TO TALK 2U IN PERSON.

ANGEL CAT> M2, I'D ENJOY MEETING YOU SOMETIME.

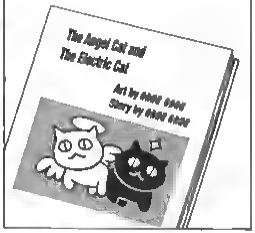
I MET HER ONLINE AND WE BECAME CLOSE RIGHT AWAY.

ANGEL CAT>WHAT'S UP?

ELECTRIC CAT> IS IT ME OR DO WE HAVE INCREDIBLE AMOUNTS IN COMMON?

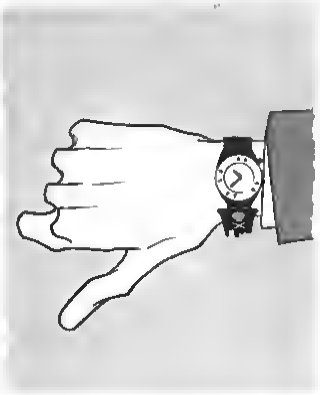
ANGEL CAT> WE REALLY DO! IT FEELS LIKE WE ALREADY KNOW EACH OTHER

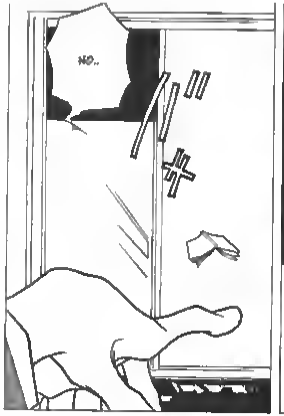
WE BOTH LOVED THE SAME BOOK, AND IT JUST WENT FROM THERE...



GASP
TENSHI!
Mutter Mutter
WHO THE HELL DO YOU THINK IS PAYING THE PHONE BILL?
GET YOUR ASS TO BED! YOU'RE ON THAT MACHINE EVERY DAMN NIGHT!
ALL RIGHT!
I WANT TO SEE YOU.

WHAT ARE YOU SMILING ABOUT?
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO UNDERSTANDS ME
!
ANGEL CAT? HE'S READING A DAMN CHILDREN'S BOOK!
"HI, I'M TENSHI. I HAVE A FIRST GRADE READING LEVEL. SPEAK SLOWLY."



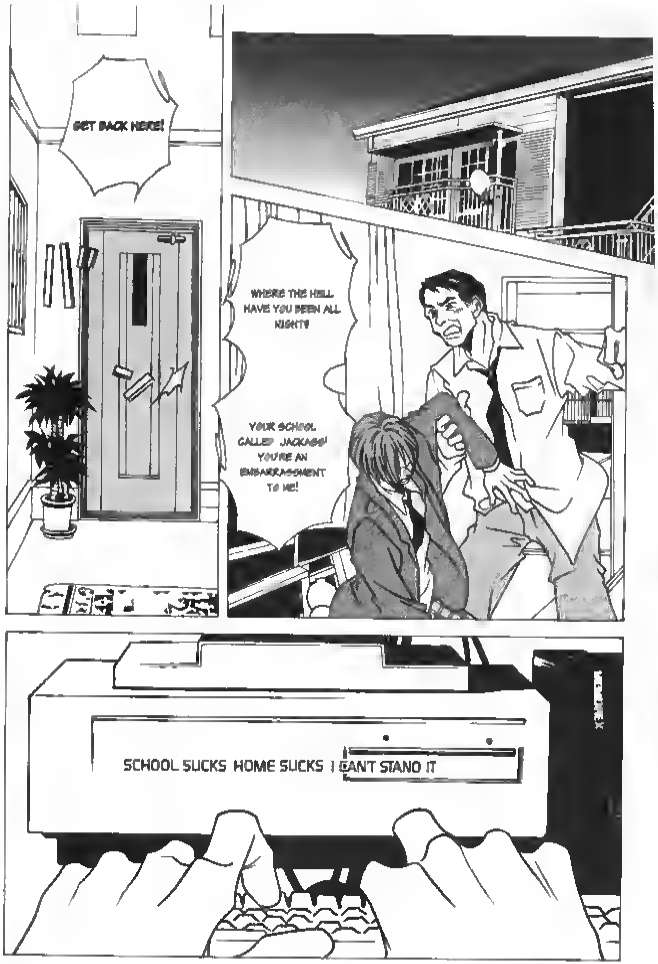

NO..

GIVE IT BACK.
STOP IT!

VERY MATURE, YOU GUYS!
IT WAS AN ACCIDENT IT SLIPPED WHOOPS!

TENSHI!

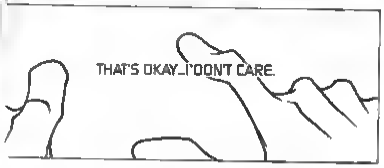
TALKING TO YOU IS THE ONLY BREAK I GET FROM MY CRUMMY LIFE.
TAKA TAKA
ANGEL CAT SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE HAVING A BAD DAY. ARE YOU FURIOUS?
PLEASE DON'T DO THIS TO ME.
..YOU'RE ALL I'VE GOT!
TAKA
TAKA
TAKA
I CAN'T TAKE THIS ANYMORE. I WANNA DITCH EVERYTHING, FIND YOU, AND LIVE WHEREVER YOU ARE.
ANGEL CAT NO! YOU SHOULDN'T SAY THINGS LIKE THAT
WHAT? ARE YOU REJECTING ME TOO?!


GET BACK HERE!
WHERE THE HELL HAVE YOU BEEN ALL NIGHT?
YOUR SCHOOL CALLED! JACKASS! YOU'RE AN EMBARRASSMENT TO ME!
SCHOOL SUCKS HOME SUCKS I CAN'T STAND IT

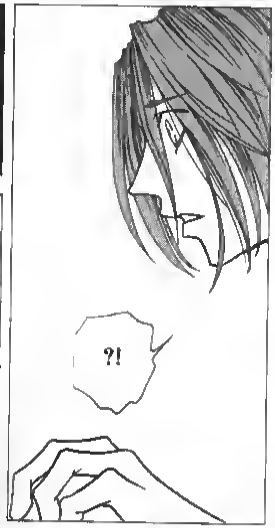
ANGEL CAT: I'M KYOKO KYOKO TAKASHIRA

ANGEL CAT: LISTEN. I'M SORRY. THERE'S SOMETHING I HAVE TO TELL YOU

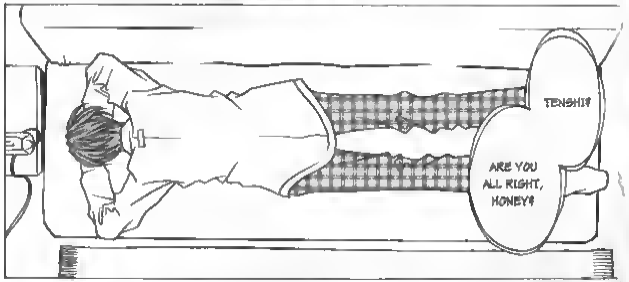
ANGEL CAT: I'M MUCH OLDER THAN YOU. I'M ACTUALLY 36



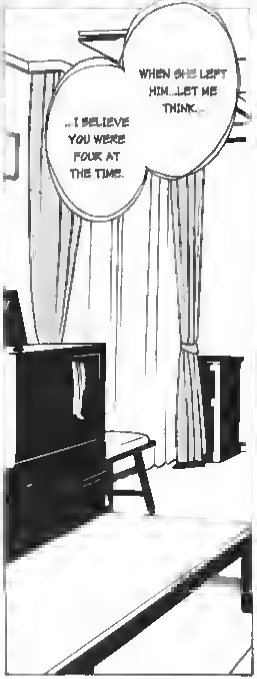
ANGEL CAT: I HAVE A SON. HE LIVES WITH HIS FATHER, BUT STILL...



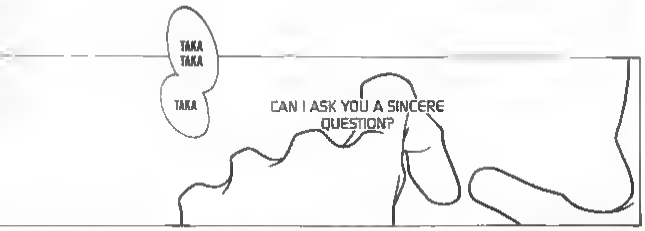
IS MOM'S MAIDEN NAME "TAGASHIRA"?
H-HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT?


TENSHI?
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, HONEY?

THAT DOESN'T...DAD ALWAYS TOLD ME SHE DIED...
I KNOW. MONEY DON'T LET HIM KNOW I DID THIS, BECAUSE HE ASKED ME NEVER TO TELL YOU.


WHEN SHE LEFT HIM...LET ME THINK...
...I BELIEVE YOU WERE FOUR AT THE TIME.

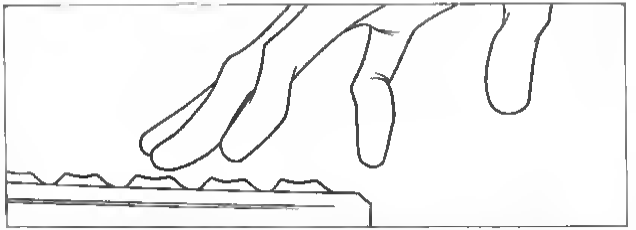
KYOKO WANTED TO TAKE YOU WITH HER.
BUT YOU KNOW YOUR FATHER. HE WOULDN'T HAVE IT. SO



ELECTRIC CAT> HOW'S YOUR LIFE GOING RIGHT NOW?

ANGEL CAT> IT'S NICE. I'M MARRIED AGAIN. I'M HAPPY. IT'S VERY GOOD.

ELECTRIC CAT> I'M REALLY HAPPY TO HEAR THAT. I'M SURE YOUR SON FEELS THE SAME WAY.



ANGEL CAT> EVENING EC. I'M SO SORRY ABOUT LAST NIGHT

ELECTRIC CAT> DON'T BE. IT WAS ME.

ANGEL CAT> I ALMOST FELT LIKE I WAS... ABANDONING YOU. THAT'S NOT WHAT I WANTED TO DO AT ALL.

ELECTRIC CAT> DON'T WORRY AC. I'M ALL RIGHT.

ANGEL CAT> YOU'RE SO SWEET! YOU KNOW, THAT'S SOMEHOW...VERY COMFORTING TO HEAR. THANK YOU!

The Lady Stalker

COME TO THINK OF IT...
...DOESN'T "TENSHI" MEAN "ANGEL"?

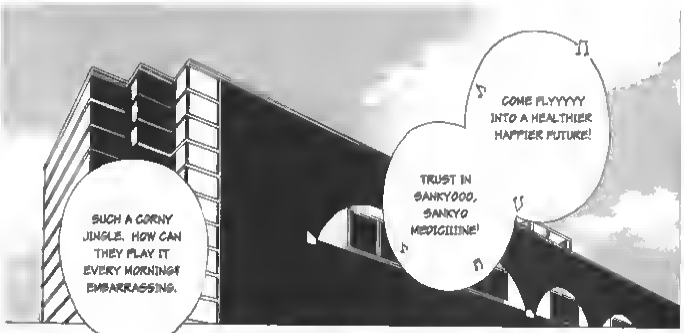
...UM, YEAH.
"THE ANGEL CAT AND THE ELECTRIC CAT"?

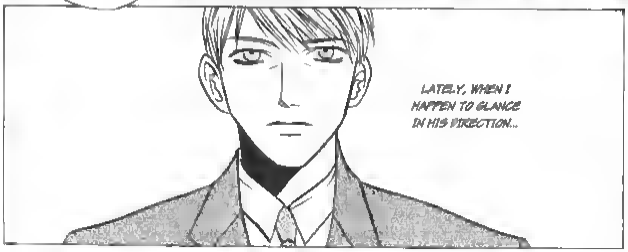
YEAH
WHAT CAN I SAY? IT'S THE NAME MY MOTHER GAVE ME.

END

I TRIED TELLING A COUPLE FRIENDS, BUT THEY'RE SORT OF USELESS I FIGURED SINCE YOU'RE OLDER..
I HAVE NO IDEA. HAVE YOU SPOKEN TO ANYONE ELSE ABOUT THIS?
I'VE BEEN GETTING A LOT OF WEIRD PHONE CALLS AND FAXES...WHAT DO YOU THINK? I MEAN
AUGH. HUH?
OKAY. WELL, I'D FIGURE OUT A WAY TO TAPE THE CONVERSATIONS. YOU'LL DETERMINE WHETHER IT'S JUST ONE PERSON HARASSING YOU AND YOU'LL HAVE A RECORD TO PROVE IT.
OKAY, GOOD IDEA!
DELIBERATE THINKING. I GUESS THAT'S WHAT YOU DO IF YOU DON'T HAVE A KIND OF YOUR OWN.

CHECK OUT MAJIMA, MR. SECTION CHIEF! HE'S TOO HOT!
STOP IT! THAT'S MY FUTURE HUSBAND!
WHAT IF HE'S GAY?!
I KNOW! I CAN'T BELIEVE HE'S SINGLE.


COME FLYYYYY INTO A HEALTHIER HAPPIER FUTURE!
TRUST IN SANKYOOO, SANKYO MEDICIIIINE!
SUCH A CORNY JINGLE. HOW CAN THEY PLAY IT EVERY MORNING? EMBARRASSING.


LATELY, WHEN I HAPPEN TO GLANCE IN HIS DIRECTION...

COULD I TALK TO YOU FOR A MINUTE?
YES
EXCUSE ME... UM, HIROMI?
...I CATCH HIM STARING AT ME.

A LOT OF... WEIRD PHONE CALLS...
THAT'S...WEI...
IT'S NOTHING
MICHI, YOU'RE AN OBVIOUS TARGET! YOU'RE YOUNG, YOU'RE CUTE, YOU'RE QUIET...
HIROMI IS IN THE SAME SECTION, YOU KNOW. BUT I GUESS SHE DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO WORRY ABOUT!
IT'S A STALKER! EEE-YEW! I'M SURE OF IT!
YOU HAVE... TWO...NEW MESSAGES
AGAIN...
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
QUIT MY JOB? I CAN ONLY DREAM. MY SECTION WOULD FALL APART IF I DID. MICHIRU CAN'T TURN ON HER DESK LAMP WITHOUT ME...
GET MARRIED?
HIROMI? WHY CAN I NEVER REACH YOU?
DID YOU GIVE ANY THOUGHT TO THAT SPEED DATING PROGRAM I TOLD YOU ABOUT? YOU'RE NOT GETTING ANY YOUNGER. YOU KNOW DON'T MAKE MOM WORRY...

OH MY GOD...
YOU HAVE TWELVE NEW MESSAGES
?!
KHAUSTINA
IT'S DESIGNER. AND MY FRIENDS SAY IT COULD EASILY COST $2,000...
I WANTED TO ASK YOU. SOMEONE MAILED ME A DRESS YESTERDAY
OH! HIROMI! UM I...
I DON'T KNOW, MICHIKO.
WHAT DO YOU THINK I SHOULD DO?
SO, I CAN'T JUST THROW IT AWAY AND THERE'S NO RETURN ADDRESS
WHY DON'T YOU FIGURE IT OUT FOR YOURSELF?

YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE WITH PROBLEMS, YOU KNOW!
DO YOU THINK HE REALLY SPIES ON ME INSIDE MY HOUSE!? I'M SO FREAKED OUT...
WHY TELL ME? YOU'VE GOT PLENTY OF FRIENDS...
AND THE FAXES. HE SENDS THINGS LIKE "I WANT TO WATCH YOU WEAR YOUR NEW DRESS."
WILL YOU GIVE IT A REST ALREADY?!
THE COMPANY BOSS! COULD SOMEONE FROM THE OFFICE BE DOING THIS?
NOTHING BUT SILENCE.
..COME FLYYY--
CLICK
R-REALLY...?!
YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE! I'M BEING PLAGUED BY THESE WEIRD PHONE CALLS AND FAXES, TOO!
YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY...
WELL, I'M NOT 100% SURE, BUT...
YOU'RE BEING HARASSED BY A STALKER, TOO!
HMMM!? GOT A SEC?
HERE SHE GOES AGAIN
HE'S PANTING LIKE. LIKE HE'S. LIKE SOMETHING DISGUSTING IS GOING ON!
HE'S.. HE'S CALLING ME EVERY NIGHT, NOW!

?
...SOMEONE MAILED ME A DRESS YESTERDAY
!
IS THAT SPEEDA!
OH, MY GOD!
STARING AT ME.
RIGHT ON CUE.
HELLO, HIROMI JUST GETTING HOME?
I'M GLAD I BUMPED INTO YOU. I RECEIVED THIS PACKAGE FOR YOU.
OH, THANK YOU..
I HAVE CERTAIN SUSPICIONS ABOUT SOMEONE IN THIS OFFICE...

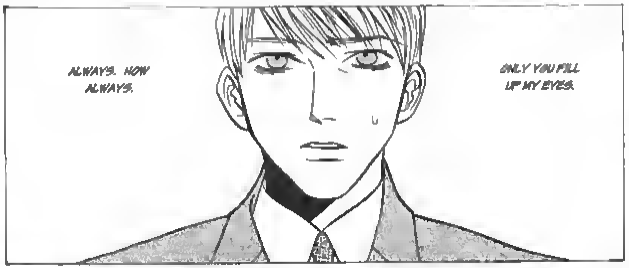
?
HMPH
I WANT TO JUST BURN THIS. TAKE IT TO THE INCINERATOR AND...

?!
A YOUNG, TEMPTING BEAUTY LIKE YOU HAS TO BE CAREFUL OUT THERE.
(Sexy! Mature!)
WHAT IS THIS?
SO, HIROMI, I HEAR SOMEONE'S STALKING YOU.

I'M BEING STALKED
THIS IS REAL
.....
I'M ALWAYS WATCHING OVER YOU.
MICHIRU THINKS SHE HAS TROUBLE? SHE HAS NO IDEA...

AND FOR ALL THE WORK I DO I'M IGNORED! RIDICULED!
THEY PAY ATTENTION TO EVERY RAT IF THAT TIM BLONDE'S BLUE EYES...
HA.
HA HA.
FAXES! TAPES FULL OF ANSWERING MESSAGES!
THIS DRESS!
I'M BEING HARASSED BY AN OBSESSED MANIAC! NEED MORE PROOF!
NOT TODAY
DOES IT SOUND IMPOSSIBLE? THEN CAN YOU EXPLAIN THIS?

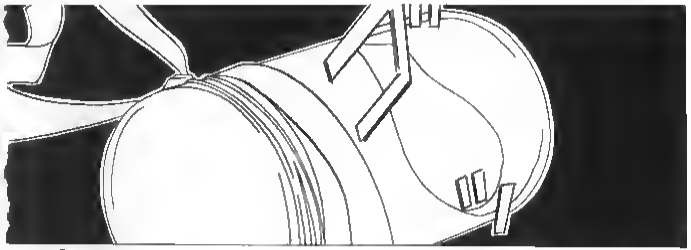
MICHIRU. YOU.
WHAT? WAS I NOT SUPPOSED TO SAY ANYTHING?
WAIT, IT'S TRUE!
HIROMI. AND I... REALLY ARE.
YOU, MICHI? YOU I COULD BELIEVE. AT LEAST YOU'RE CUTE.
BUT BOTH? HERE I MEAN, COME ON!
I DON'T HAVE TO STAND FOR THIS.
I'M A VICTIM HERE.
I UNDERSTAND SHE SUSPECTS SOMEONE IN THIS VERY OFFICE!
TOO MUCH! HEE-HEE.
UH OH! A SPINSTER STALKER!
THAT'S A PRETTY WILD ACCUSATION


ALWAYS. NOW ALWAYS.
ONLY YOU FILL UP MY EYES.

...YOU...

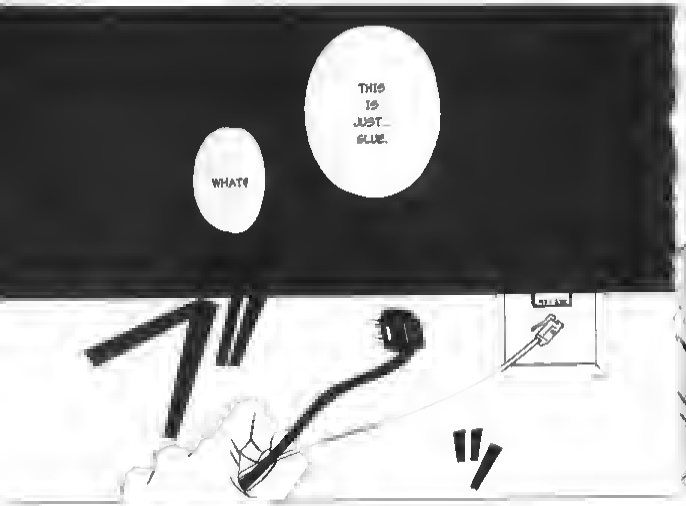
I WON'T GIVE YOU YOUR FILTHY SATISFACTION ANYMORE!!

I KNEW IT! IT'S YOU! YOU THINK I HAVEN'T NOTICED THE WAY YOU STARE AT ME!



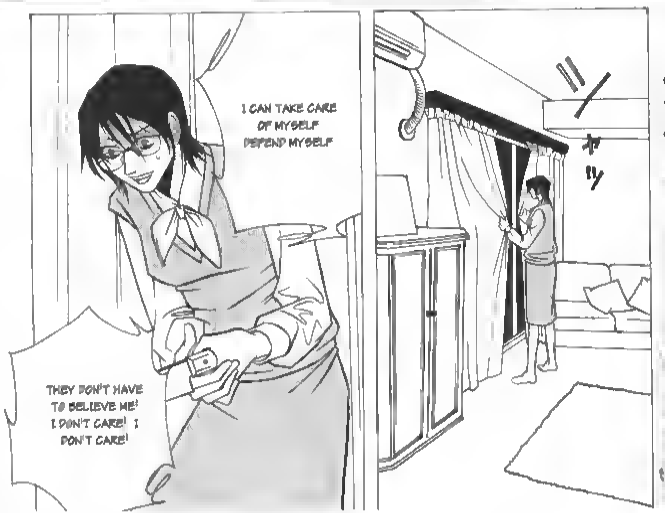
YOU SHALLOW, SNIGGERING HYPOCRITES!
WHICH ONE OF YOU IS IT?!

...!


THIS IS JUST... GLUE.
WHAT?

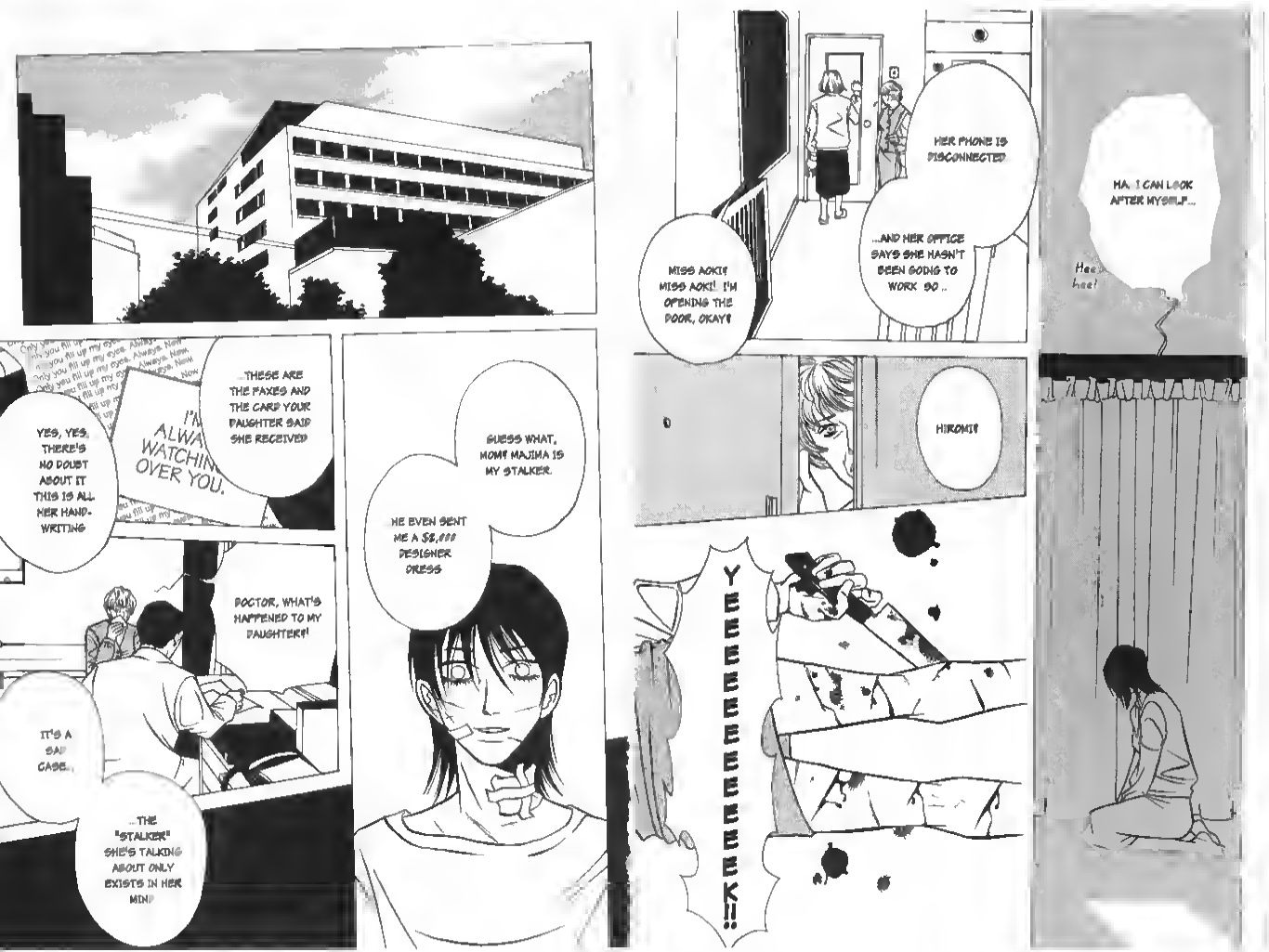
SIR, I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT SHE'S TALKING ABOUT...

.....
CAN .CAN UMM YOU EXPLAIN WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE, MAJIMA?!


I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF DEPEND MYSELF
THEY DON'T HAVE TO BELIEVE ME! I DON'T CARE! I DON'T CARE!

EWW! GROSS!!
DON'T OPEN THAT!
HN?

NO! NEVER!
SIR CHIEF MAJIMA WOULD NEVER, AH
...HIROMI IS CLEARLY UNDER SEVERE STRESS SHOULD SOMEONE GO CHECK ON HER!


MA. I CAN LOOK AFTER MYSELF...
Hee hee!
MISS AOKI! MISS AOKI! I'M OPENING THE DOOR, OKAY!
HER PHONE IS DISCONNECTED
...AND HER OFFICE SAYS SHE HASN'T BEEN GOING TO WORK SO..
HIROMI!
YEEEEEEEEEEEEEK!!
GUESS WHAT, MOM! MAJIMA IS MY STALKER.
HE EVEN SENT ME A $8,000 DESIGNER DRESS
...THESE ARE THE FAXES AND THE CARD YOUR DAUGHTER SAID SHE RECEIVED
I'M ALWAYS WATCHING OVER YOU.
YES, YES, THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT THIS IS ALL HER HAND-WRITING
DOCTOR, WHAT'S HAPPENED TO MY DAUGHTER?!
IT'S A SAD CASE...
...THE "STALKER" SHE'S TALKING ABOUT ONLY EXISTS IN HER MIND

Hey! hey!
HAVE YOU HEARD THE LATEST ON THE HIROMI STALKER STORY?
I DON'T HATE HIM
IT'S THE ONLY WAY HE KNEW HOW TO EXPRESS HIS LOVE
NO WAY! THAT IS TO CREEPY!
THOSE FAXES? THE $2,000 DRESS? SHE SENT THEM TO HERSELF!
THE PERSON I FEEL SORRY FOR IS CHIEF MAJIMA FOR HAVING TO SUFFER ALL THOSE FALSE ACCUSATIONS!
YEAH POOR GUY HE'S THE REAL VICTIM.
AND HAVE YOU NOTICED SUDDENLY HIROMI'S NOT TALKING ABOUT HER STALKER ANYMORE. A LITTLE SUSPICIOUS, RIGHT? LIKE, MAYBE HER GUY WAS MADE UP, TOO?
WEIRD...I MEAN, I GUESS SHE COULD BE SELF-CONSCIOUS, BUT STILL...

WHEN HER FANTASY WASN'T VALIDATED WAS, IN FACT, THREATENED SHE RETREATED, CLOSING HERSELF OFF
I SEE. WHAT ABOUT THESE CUTS?
HE IS A DELUSION INSPIRED BY HIROMI'S CO-WORKER, AND BROUGHT ON BY HER LONELY, CLINICAL DEPRESSION AND FEELINGS OF WORTHLESSNESS.
TO MAKE HIM REAL, SHE HAD TO WRITE THE STORY AND PLAY ALL THE PARTS BY HERSELF.
THESE?
I GOT THEM WHEN MAJIMA BROKE INTO MY ROOM I HAD TO FIGHT HIM OFF.
BUT IT'S ALL RIGHT, THOUGH.

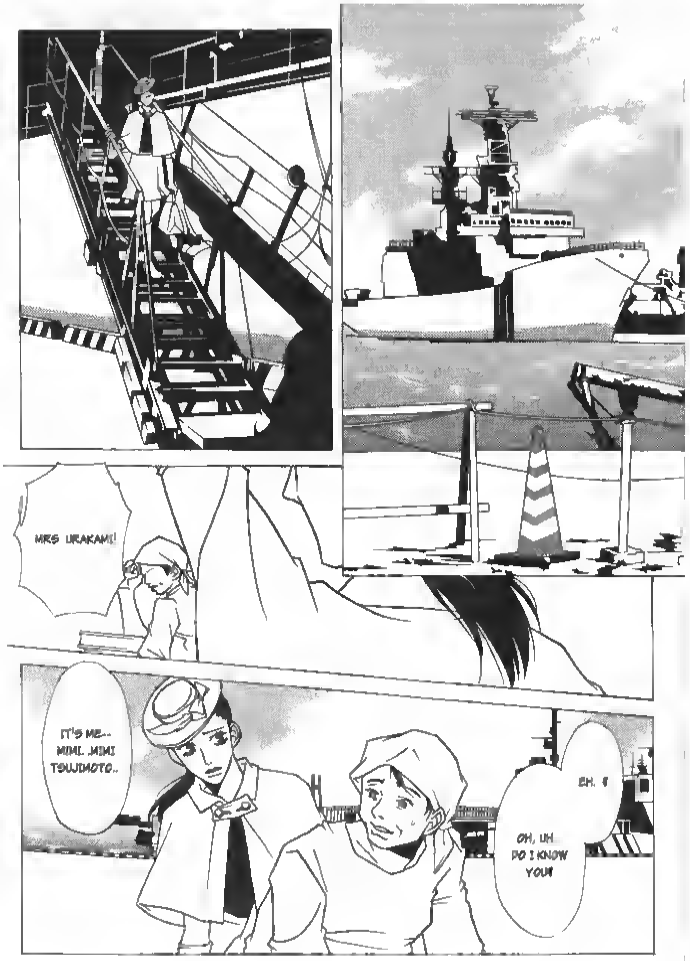
beautiful people

MICHI, THINK YOU CAN HANDLE THESE LETTERS TOO?
I KNEW THAT HE LOVED ME...
IT'S WONDERFUL NOW WITH THIS DESK EMPTY I GET AN UNOBSTRUCTED VIEW
OH, UM...
SO...WHEN WILL YOU WEAR THAT DRESS FOR ME?
...BECAUSE HE WAS ALWAYS STARING AT ME.
END

WHOA, BABE ALERT!
HEY!
I HAD STRING STRUNG UNDER MY SKIN TO PULL MY EYES TOGETHER, HAD SILICON BUILT INTO MY NOSE, HAD MY CHIN GROUND DOWN, AND POKE THE PAIN.
SOUTH PLATFORM
NOZOMI 14, EMBARKING FOR HAKATA.
BUT I STILL SNATCH THE SAME TWO WORDS OUT OF A CROWD.

I WANTED TO BE ONE OF THE BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE.
Tickets
CHICK.
UGLY...

OH, MY GOSH YOU STILL REMEMBER THAT?
CAN I FORGET YOU ASKIN' ME TO PAT YOUR HEAD EVERY TIME YOU HAD A TEST? NEVER!
Y'SAID THIS IS YOUR BIRTHMARK WAS A HOLY BLESSING AN' SO IT IS!
MIMI! SWEETIE! OH MY GOODNESS! YES, YOU LOOK SO BEAUTIFUL! I'D Y'JUST GET IN!
IT'S BEEN TOO LONG! HOW HAVE YOU BEEN?
OH, YOU KNOW I CAN'T GO TOO WRONG, CHARMED AS I AM!
YOU REALLY LOOK LIKE SOMETHING!
I HARDLY RECOGNIZE YOU AT ALL!


MRS. URAKAMI!
IT'S ME... MIMI TSUJIMOTO..
EH..?
OH, UH... DO I KNOW YOU?

NOPE.
THERE'S THE GRAVE-YARD
MY GOSH, IT'S BEEN SUCH A LONG TIME.
REALLY? THEY'RE STILL HOLDING BURIALS, AREN'T THEY?
SOMEONE'S BEEN A-MESSIN' THE GRAVES UP LATELY. THE WHOLE ISLAND'S YAKKIN' ABOUT IT.

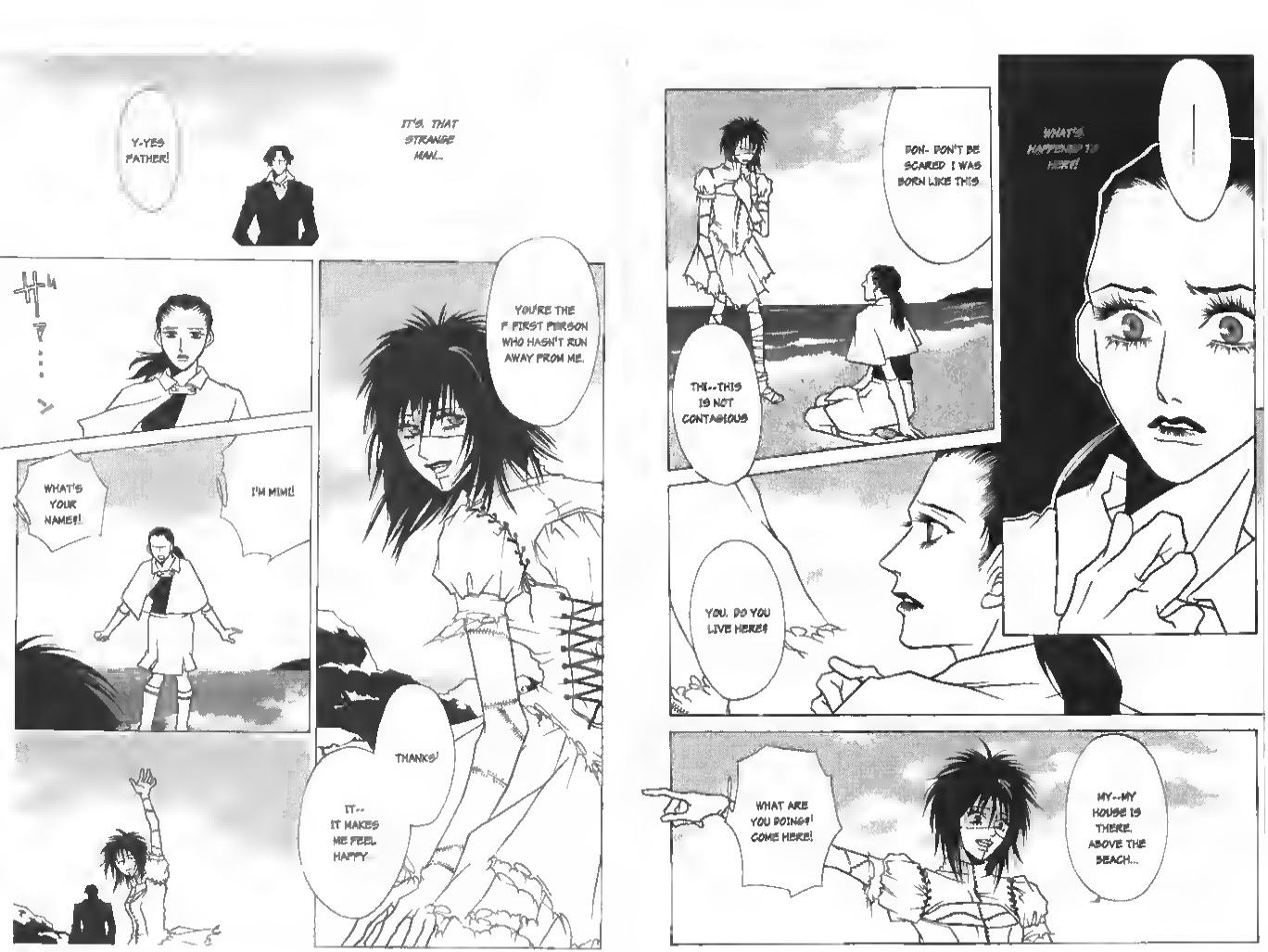
I'M BUSY
.....
--SHE'S FRESH BACK FROM TOKYO!
BE AN ANGEL AND GIVE OUR MIMI A RIDE TO HER HOUSE--
TETTA!
STOP IT!
GRANDMA!
SHE'S THE SAME SWEET MIMI YOU USED TO PLAY WITH SHE WON'T BITE!
DON'T SHY AWAY FROM HER PRETTY NEW LOOKS, TETTA!
NOTHING HERE HAS CHANGED A BIT, HAS IT?

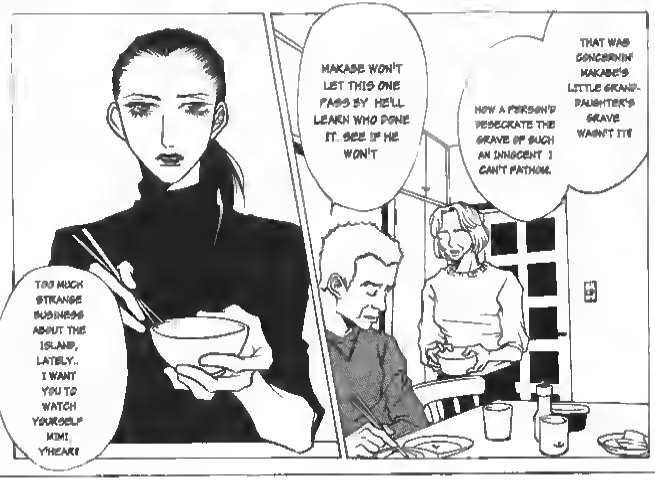
I'M HOME DAD..
YOU MUST BE SPENT... ..ARE Y'HUNGRY?
I'M ALL RIGHT, I HAD SOME SANDWICHES ON THE TRAIN...
IS HE STILL MAD AT ME?
YOU CAN SEE HE IS WHY'D Y'EVER GO IN FOR THAT PLASTIC SURGERY TRIPE?
WHEN A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN COMMITS A CRIME THE PENALTY TENDS TO BE LIGHTER THAN FOR A PLAIN WOMAN EVEN IF SHE COMMITS THE SAME CRIME
MOM, DID YOU KNOW THIS?
WHY TAKE A KNIFE T'THE HONEST LOOKS Y'OWN LOVIN' PARENTS BIRTHED TO YOU?

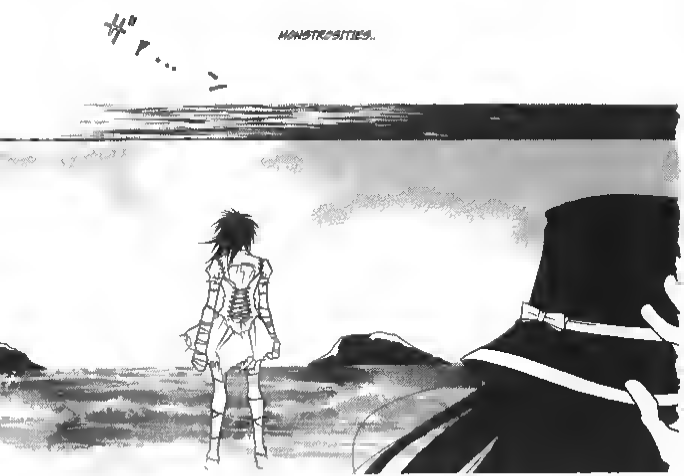
WE'RE HERE.. OFF Y'GET
HONESTY
HAVE I BECOME THAT BEAUTIFUL?
ABSOLUTELY EVERYTHING 'BOUT YOU'S CHANGED
NOTHING ABSOLUTELY NOTHING'S CHANGED
HE DOESN'T LOOK MUCH LIKE AN ISLANDER...
MIMI! SO GOOD TO HAVE YOU SAFE AN' SOUND!

HEY..
...WH-WHERE DO YOU COME FROM?
GASP
HM?
YOU- YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL.
LIKE FATHER.

ISN'T EVERYTHING SUPPOSED TO COME EASILY TO THE BEAUTIFUL?
MIMI...! WHERE ARE YOU OFF TO NOW?
FRESH AIR.
I HATE IT
THOUGHT ABOUT... MARRIAGE! WITH YOU!
WOULDN'T THAT UPSET YOUR OTHER BOY TOYS!
I HATE IT
WELL, SHE IS GORGEOUS. TOO BAD SHE'S A RACING NUT. EUGH!
IT'S NOT LIKE SHE EVEN DOES ANY WORK. YOU KNOW? SHE'S SO OVER WITH.


WHAT'S HAPPENED HERE!
DON- DON'T BE SCARED I WAS BORN LIKE THIS
THI--THIS IS NOT CONTAGIOUS
YOU. DO YOU LIVE HERE?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? COME HERE!
MY--MY HOUSE IS THERE. ABOVE THE BEACH...
Y-YES FATHER!
IT'S THAT STRANGE MAN...
YOU'RE THE F FIRST PERSON WHO HASN'T RUN AWAY FROM ME.
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
I'M MIMI!
THANKS!
IT-- IT MAKES ME FEEL HAPPY


TOO MUCH STRANGE BUSINESS ABOUT THE ISLAND, LATELY.. I WANT YOU TO WATCH YOURSELF MIMI, Y'HEAR?
MAKASE WON'T LET THIS ONE PASS BY. HE'LL LEARN WHO DONE IT. SEE IF HE WON'T
HOW A PERSON'D DESECRATE THE GRAVE OF SUCH AN INNOCENT I CAN'T FATHOM.
THAT WAS CONCERNIN' MAKASE'S LITTLE GRAND-DAUGHTER'S GRAVE WASN'T IT?


MONSTROSITIES..

HEARD THERE WAS MORE MALARKEY AT THE GRAVEYARD YESTERDAY.
HARDLY IN BEFORE Y'WERE OUT AGAIN. WHERE'VE YOU BEEN?
I WAS WORRIED
YOUNG GIRL LIKE YOU OUGHTN'T WANDER ABOUT LATE NIGHTS
MONSTROS-ITIES?
STAY CLEAR OF THE BEACH, HEAR? DEVIL'S HOUSE THERE. MONSTROSITIES
A MAN, TOO THEY'RE STRANGERS, THE BOTH OF 'EM.
A GIRL. SOMETHING UNNATURAL ABOUT HER IT'S SAID

I-I DON'T HAVE ONE. I-IT'S JUST FATHER AND MYSELF
WHERE'S YOUR MOM?
FATHER. DOES-DOESN'T TALK TO ME MUCH, SO
...I'M HAPPY TO TALK TO YOU.
REAL-- REALLY HAPPY

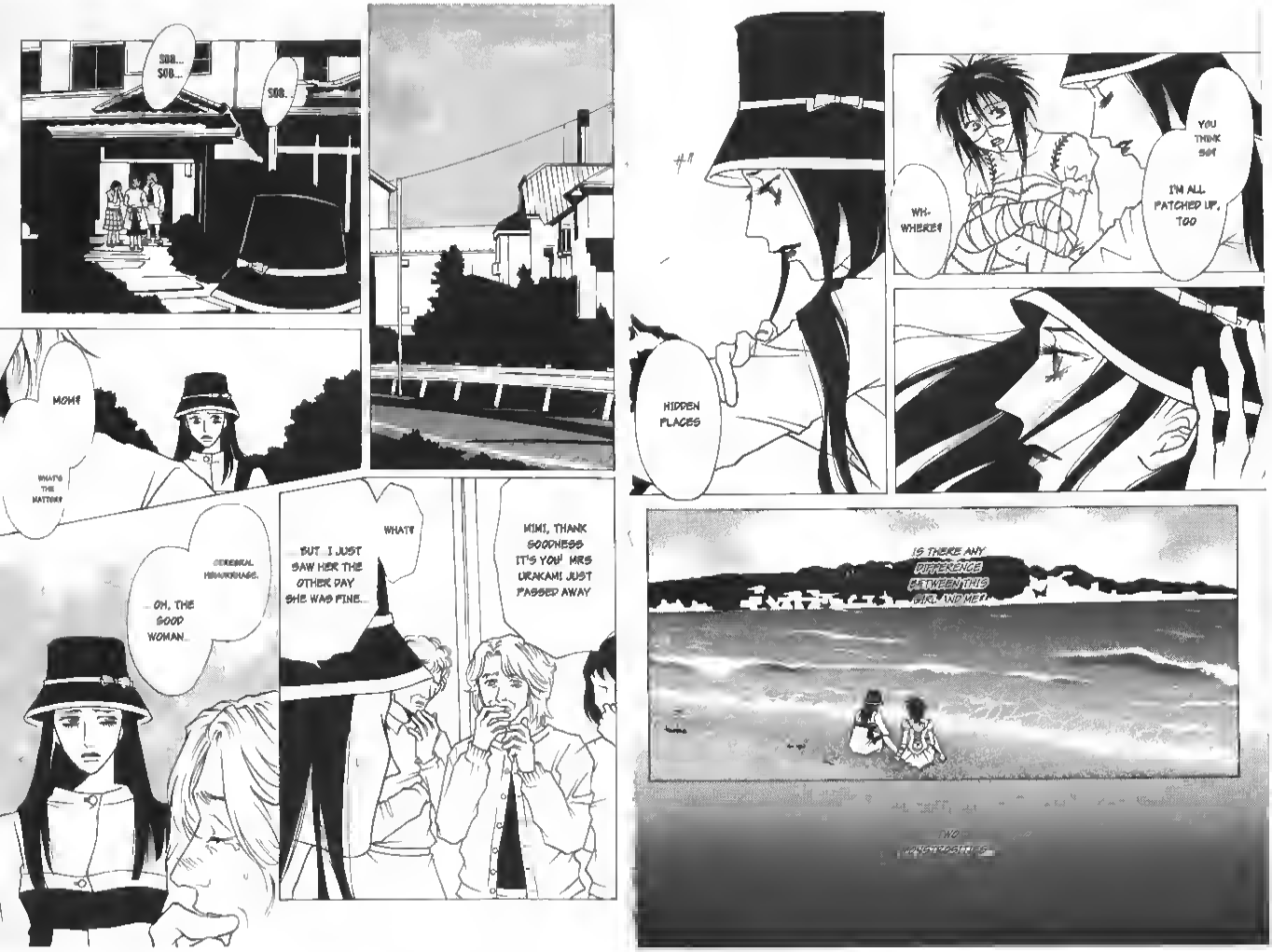
YOU--YOU'RE PERFECTLY BEAUTIFUL.
VERY BEAUTI-FUL MIMI.
YEAH B-BUT ALL PATCHED UP
YOU HAVE SUCH TINY FEET
YOUR LEG BAND-AIDS ARE OFF

YOU--YOU CAME BACK!
I'M GLAD
I BROUGHT SOME FRUIT SANDWICHES FOR US TO EAT

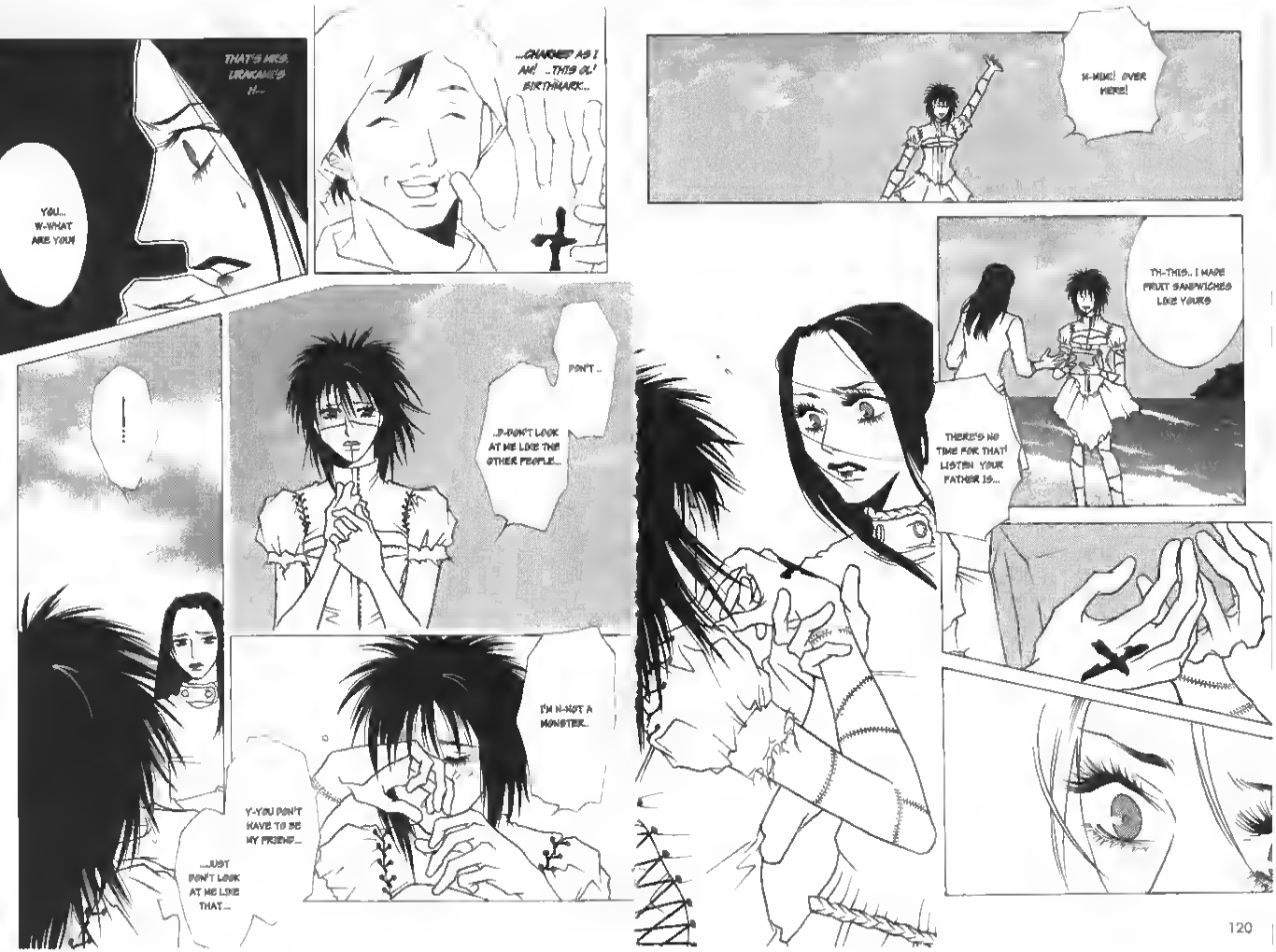
M I M I !

THERE-- THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING WRONG WITH MY BODY
I. I'M SUCH A LITTLE TROUBLEMAKER FOR FATHER.

DON'T WORRY, I'LL... FEED YOU HOW DID YOU HURT YOUR HANDS?
IT'S... IT'S NOT AN INJURY

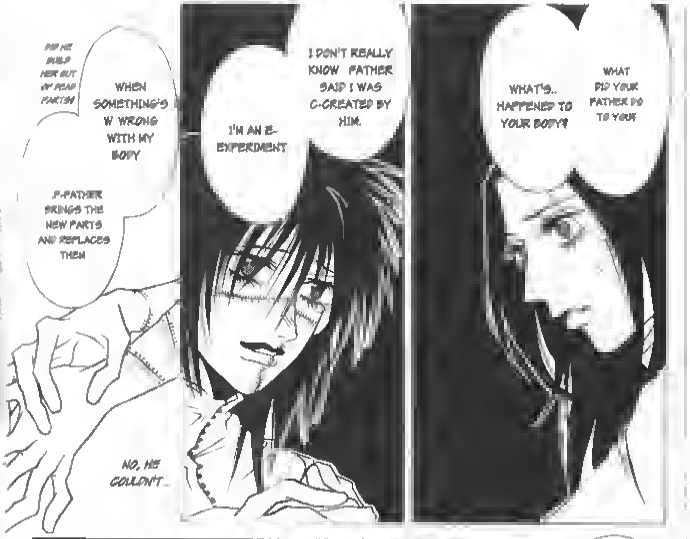

SOB...
SOB...
SOB.
MOM?
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
...OH, THE GOOD WOMAN...
CEREBRAL HEMORRHAGE.
...BUT I JUST SAW HER THE OTHER DAY SHE WAS FINE...
WHAT?
MIMI, THANK GOODNESS IT'S YOU! MRS URAKAMI JUST PASSED AWAY
#11
HIDDEN PLACES
WH-WHERE?
I'M ALL PATCHED UP, TOO
YOU THINK SO?
IS THERE ANY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THIS GIRL AND ME?
TWO

ARE YOU SURE, MAKABE!
WITH MY OWN EYES!
IT WAS THE STRANGER FROM THE DEVIL'S HOUSE!
SWISH
SWISH
LET'S GATHER THE BOYS FIRST
WE'LL CRAM Y'TEMPER A NOTCH MAKASE.
NO MISTAKIN'!! THAT BASTARD'S ABOUT TO GET HIS DUE WITH INTEREST AND SOON!
'TEFILE MY BABY GRANDDAUGHTER, WILL HE!


THAT'S MRS. URAKAMI'S H--
YOU... W-WHAT ARE YOU?
...CHARMED AS I AM! ...THIS OL' BIRTHMARK...
H-HEY! OVER HERE!
TH-THIS.. I MAKE FRUIT SANDWICHES LIKE YOURS
THERE'S NO TIME FOR THAT! LISTEN YOUR FATHER IS...
.....
DON'T..
..D-DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE THE OTHER PEOPLE...
I'M N-NOT A MONSTER..
Y-YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE MY FRIEND...
...JUST DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT...

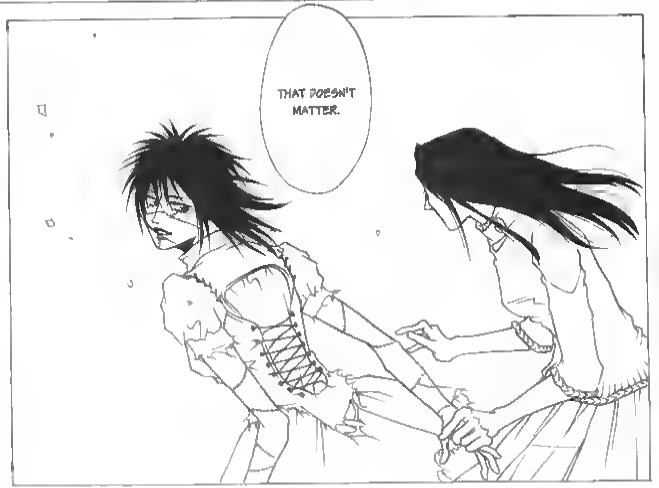
OH!
M-MY HOUUUSE!!!

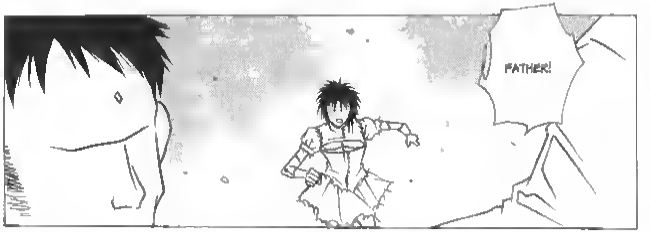
SOMEONE CALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT!
I...I DIDN'T! THE MADMAN... SET IT HIMSELF!
DID YOU DO THIS!
WAIT!
DON'T GO UP THERE!!


DID HE BUILD HER OUT OF DEAD PARTS?
WHEN SOMETHING'S W WRONG WITH MY BODY
..F-FATHER BRINGS THE NEW PARTS AND REPLACES THEM
NO, HE COULDN'T...
I'M AN E-EXPERIMENT
I DON'T REALLY KNOW FATHER SAID I WAS C-CREATED BY HIM.
WHAT'S.. HAPPENED TO YOUR BODY?
WHAT DID YOUR FATHER DO TO YOU?

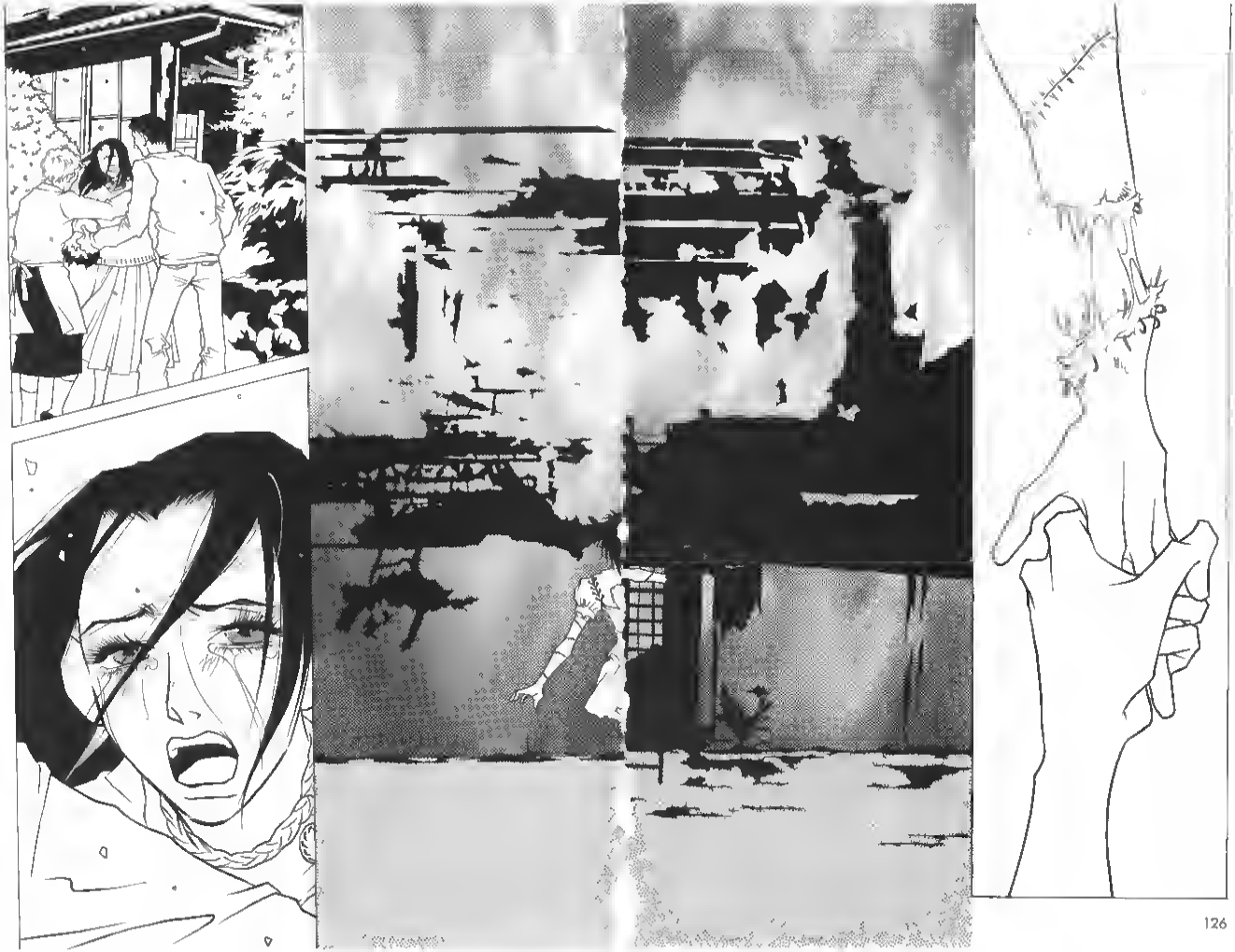
STOP IT!!
FATHER IS A B-BEAUTIFUL PERSON
M-HE TAKES MY CLOTHES OFF AT NIGHT HE DOES SOME.. F-PAINFUL THINGS..
..AND WHEN I...MAKE T-TROUBLE HE HITS ME BUT
THAT MAN IS DERANGED!
THESE THINGS YOU'RE TELLING ME- THEY'RE UNACCEPTABLE!

HE DOESN'T LOVE YOU BACK!!
ALL YOU ARE TO HIM IS A LIVING DOLL! AN EXPERIMENT!


THAT DOESN'T MATTER.

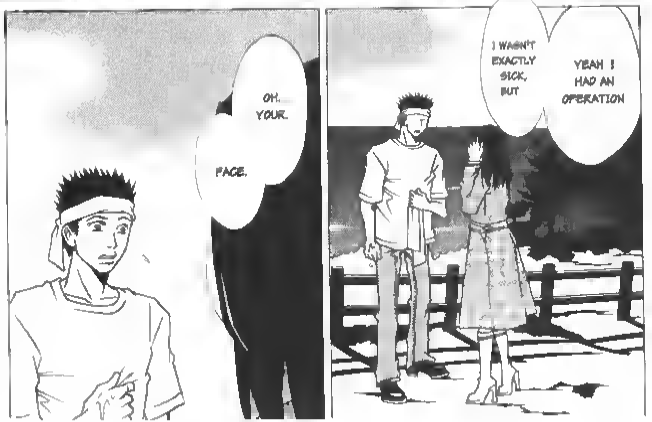

FATHER!

FATHER!
COUGH!
OUT OF THE WAY!
LET ME GO, MOM!
IT'S FAR TOO LATE TO SAVE HIM! IF YOU GO IN, YOU'LL JUST DIE, TOO!
NO, DON'T!

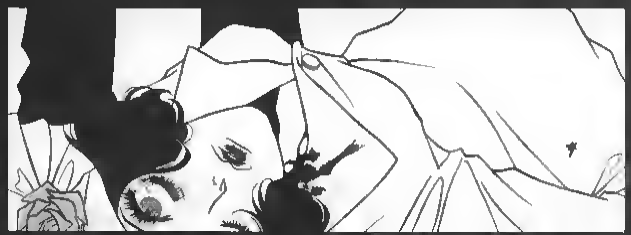


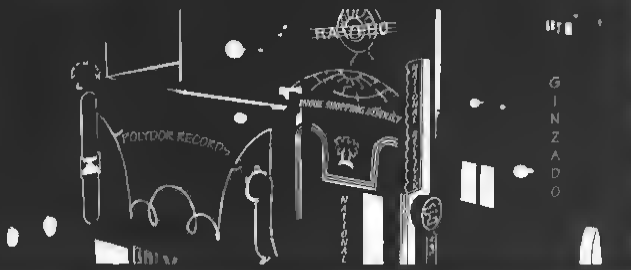
I ALWAYS THOUGHT IF I BECAME A BEAUTIFUL PERSON, IT BECAME LOVE. BEING LOVED WAS EVERYTHING.
I HEARD TALK YOU WERE IN THE HOSPITAL. ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
I COMPLETELY MISUNDERSTOOD WHAT WAS REALLY IMPORTANT.

WE NEVER FOUND THEIR BODIES.

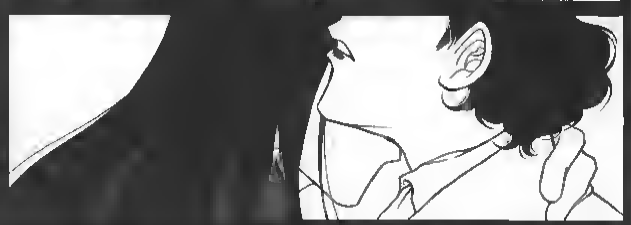

OH. YOUR.
FACE.
I WASN'T EXACTLY SICK, BUT
YEAH I HAD AN OPERATION

Blue Sky
I LIKE IT YOUR SELF'S A HELL OF AN IMPROVEMENT.
YOU MADE GIVING LOVE EVERYTHING. AND YOU BECAME A BEAUTIFUL PERSON.
HM-HM.
THANK YOU.
I FIGURED SOMETHING OUT.
END





"THE BLUE IN THE SKY IS JUST...LIKE...THIS!"



DO YOU WANT TO COME TO MY HOUSE?
A MOST BLOOD CHILD... ARRANGED.
NO! NO! MOMMY'S COMING BACK TO GET ME!
HAVE IT YOUR WAY. STAY THERE AND DIE.
NICK
NICK

MOMMY...
MOM WWYY
Sob!
THE GIRL WAS LUCKY
WHAT'S WRONG?
I HAD JUST EATEN
MOMMY..
..MY MOMMY'S GONE.

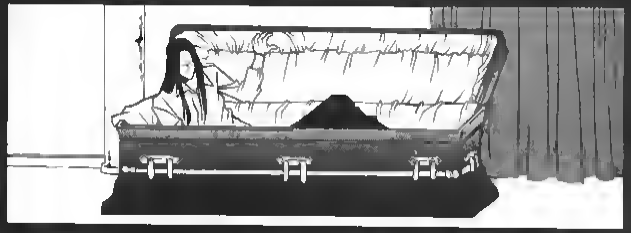
QUIT FOLLOWING ME! YOU'RE A MORSEL OF EMERGENCY FOOD!
WHY--?
QUIET!
BY THE THIRD DAY, I WAS REGRETTING HAVING PICKED HER UP.
BE... QUIET!!
WHAT'S "MO-MORSEL" MEAN?
EMERGENCY FOOD?
Coffee
ULTRA GIRL
MAID
PASSIONATE
OH, MY GOD--
--DO YOU SEE THAT GIRL?
AND THE EYES! HOW FREAKISH!
THAT RED HAIR!

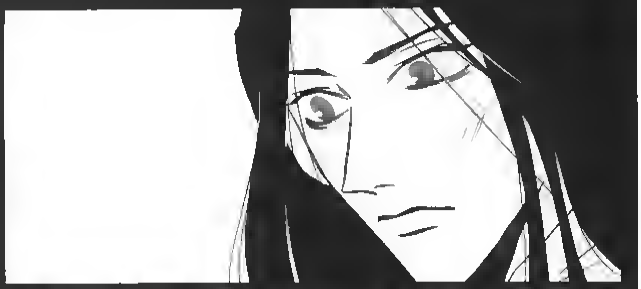
IT WAS PURELY AN IDLE WHIM.
PLEASE. COME WITH ME.
I'LL GIVE YOU SOMETHING TO EAT
HEY
WHY DO YOU ALWAYS WEAR BLACK?
HEY. HEY! HEY!!
WHY DO YOU WAKE UP AT NIGHTTIME?
WHY DON'T YOU EAT ANYTHING?

THE SKY IN THE DAYTIME? NOT INTERESTED
WHY NOT? OOOH!
THE BLUE IN THE SKY IS... LOOK!
...JUST...LIKE... THIS!
SEE?
SO NOW YOU CAN SEE WHAT THE SKY'S LIKE ANYTIME!

IGNORE THEM. THEY ARE CHAFF.
PERHAPS I DIDN'T DISPOSE OF HER BECAUSE SHE WAS AN ABERRATION, LIKE MYSELF.
BLUE SKY..
BLUE WATER...
BLUE.
HMM...I DON'T KNOW HOW TO DRAW IT RIGHT... THE REAL SKY IS MORE...
YOU NEVER SAW THE SKY BE BLUE? REALLY?!

I KEPT PLANNING TO EAT HER. SOMEHOW, TWENTY YEARS WENT BY





OSTRACIZED BY SOCIETY, SPURNED BY HER VERY OWN PARENTS...HOW COULD SHE SMILE SO EARNESTLY?

WAAAAH--
KKGGLGK!!!
I VAGUELY RECALL RIPPING OPEN A COUPLE OF THROATS.

OF ALL PLACES, I WIND UP MAKING A CHURCH MY HOME. HOW WRY.
AREN'T YOU SCARED OF CROSSES?
WHAT I'M AFRAID OF IS FAITH. A RUIN LIKE THIS IS MEANINGLESS.

I'M SORRY! I'M SO SORRY! IT'S ALL MY FAULT!
IT'S OKAY. IT'S ALL RIGHT. PACK UP YOUR THINGS, QUICKLY!
I'VE BEEN HUNTED MANY TIMES BEFORE.
!
ONE HAD GOTTEN AWAY. I'D BEEN SLOPPY. MISTAKES WILL HAPPEN, SOMETIMES. WE FLED THE MANSION AT ONCE.

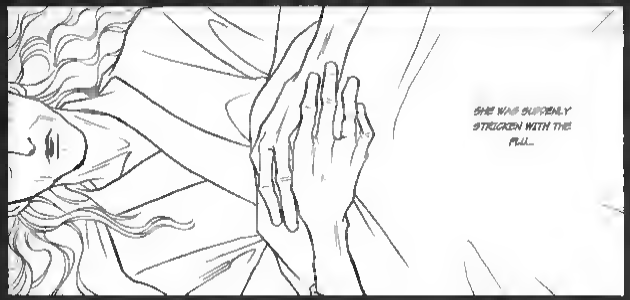
SOME YEARS SLIPPED BY. I NO LONGER THOUGHT OF HER AS FOOD.
YOU HAVEN'T HAD ANY PROPER NUTRITION LATELY!
ALL YOU DRINK IS TEA.
THIS IS A SMALL VILLAGE. EVEN FEEDING ON FARM ANIMALS COULD ATTRACT ATTENTION.

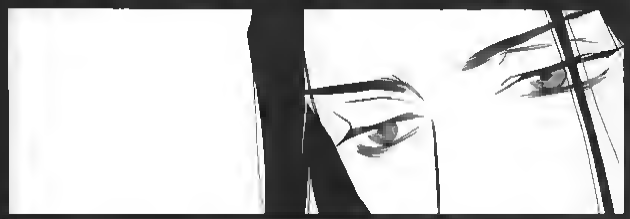
YOU'RE MY SAVIOR.
IF ANYONE TRIES TO COME AFTER YOU, I'LL GET RID OF THEM.
I'M SURE YOU WILL.
I LOVE YOU.

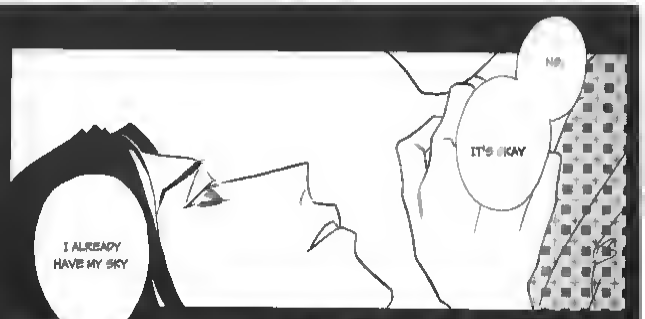
WELL. HAVE I TOLD YOU THE LIGHT SHINES IN SHAFTS THROUGH THE CLOUDS SOMETIMES?
IT SOMETIMES LOOKS LIKE A SHINING LADDER FROM HEAVEN
IT'S SO BEAUTIFUL.
I WISH I COULD SHOW IT TO YOU EVEN JUST ONCE.

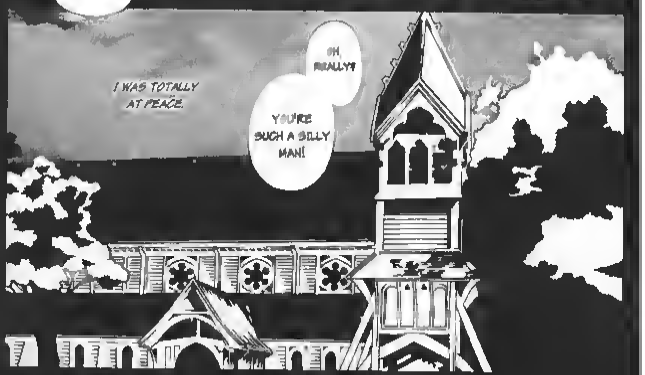
YOU COULD HAVE MINE ANYTIME. I'D GLADLY GIVE IT TO YOU.
EWW! WHO'D WANT TO DRINK THAT VILE BLOOD OF YOURS?
Tee hee
YOU'RE HORRIBLE!
TELL ME ABOUT THE BLUE SKY.
AGAIN?

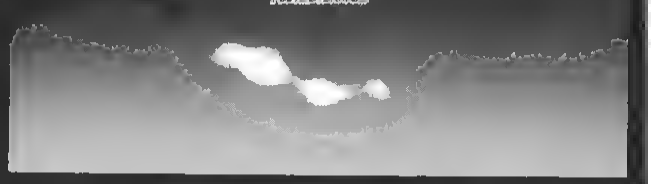
LOOKING BACK, I WONDER... HOW MANY HUNDREDS OF TIMES DID SHE TELL ME ABOUT THE SKY?











I DIDN'T SHED A SINGLE TEAR FOR HER BECAUSE I KNEW WHERE TO FIND HER.

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